

**NON-PROVISIONAL
UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION
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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION **Attorney Docket No.: 8861-484US (P32960-01)**
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the non-provisional utility patent application entitled:

HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING AND DISK RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS

which is:

an ☒ Original; or

a ☐ Continuation, ☐ Divisional, or ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)
of prior Application No. filed.

Anticipated Group/Art Unit: or Class , Subclass .

☐ This non-provisional patent application is based on Provisional Patent Application No. ,
filed .

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification (including Abstract) and claims: 24 pages (Japanese text).
- ☒ 8 sheets of drawings (formal).
- ☐ Application Data Sheet.
- ☒ Newly unexecuted Declaration (original).
- ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application.
- ☐ Separate Power of Attorney (including 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, if applicable).
- ☐ Microfiche computer program (Appendix).
- ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission, including:
- ☐ Computer readable copy ☐ Paper Copy ☐ Verified Statement.
- ☐ Under PTO-1595 Cover Sheet, an assignment of the invention
- ☒ Name of Assignee: Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
- ☐ Certified copy(ies) of Application No(s). filed is/are filed:
☐ herewith or ☐ in prior application .

- ☐ Applicant(s), by its/their undersigned attorney, claim(s) Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 as ☐ an Independent Inventor, or ☐ a Small Business Concern, or ☐ a Non-Profit Organization.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08A, and cited references.
- ☐ Request for Nonpublication of Application Under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)
- ☐ Other:

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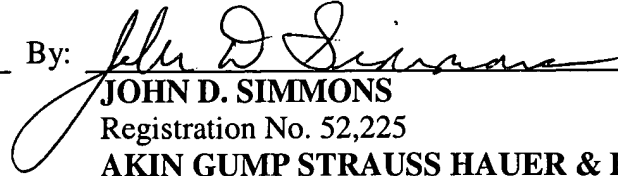
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- ☒ In the event that a Petition for Extension of Time is required during the prosecution of this application, but not submitted, please charge any extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to our Deposit Account noted above.

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